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CHAPTER XXIII.

MRS. MEAD RETURNS TO GREYSTONE.

"I know I'm doin' right. Never could I hold up my head if they got saying it were Judith Mead as helped Michael's girl to run away and leave her character behind her," said Mrs. Mead to herself as the wagon drove off, and upon a loosened strand of hay she sat, right in the center of the vehicle, staring out of the shadow at the pretty little inn that was dropping behind.

It was eleven o'clock when they arrived at the top of the High street of Greystone.

"I shall do, mother," exclaimed Mrs. Mead, who had no opinion of Johnny as a driver, but was weary of the jolting inflicted on her, and the miserably slow way they made. "You shall go no further."

Johnny, however, refused to take any notice of her request. There was an inn, a little one it was indeed on the street, and not until the wagon was almost at it did he cry, "Whoa!" Then stepping from his perch, with a circle of bridewens in the action, he came round to the back of the cart, and said, "You can get down here if ye to like."

The old woman scrambled down as best she could, and Johnny hooked on with a cross at her back. Then every time his cousin as she faced round upon him, he said:

"This here's the Wheatsheaf, and I'm thirsty in the legges to as follow as though I'm at it now ahead."

"You're welcome to drink as much as ever you'll trust ye with," replied Mrs. Mead tartly.

"Aren't ye goin' to stand summat?" cried the man.

"Yes, half a pint of vinegar, if ye're good to drink it," answered the old woman.

"Go along, or I'll get ye dressed for a watch," shouted the disappointed Johnny, and off he went, chuckling audibly.

Not ten yards, however, could she go without meeting an acquaintance. Who should this be but old Mrs. Bruff, going to her shop in Greystone street, with her dinner in a paper parcel.

"Good mornin', Mrs. Mead. How are you? 'Tis an age sin I see ye my way."

"I'm middlin well, thank ye, Mrs. Bruff. As to comin' your way, what hath sent ye my to a lone old crater that counts it a by in fact-less? The flies, they be thick truly. There and the does know what's good," exclaimed Mrs. Mead, with a glance at the paper parcel. "And I'th not the pair somedy that prosperity draws a range things to it."

"You're allers quizzing, Mrs. Mead. Prosperity, indeed! Five and fourpence was my earnings last week; scarce three lovers in it—thanks to them wagabone French, as it's a misery for them I ain't a man."

"Well, and ye give me no news! The two gossips should roast if this hour with a thing to say! But they're wonderful hard times, stooge," said Mrs. Mead.

"News—to shoe!" cried Mrs. Bruff, with a ludicrous toss of the head. "Why, here I stand for truth, as you say, they're dreadful fears in Greystone."

"The truth o' what?"

"Now you know!" exclaimed Mrs. Bruff, looking at her old companion with an air of inscrutable in her face.

"I do not know," replied Mrs. Mead with the eagerness of a born gossip. "I am this minute arrived from Winston, and if anything hath happ'd I'm as strange to it as a unborn infant."

"Why, then," said Mrs. Bruff, speaking slowly, and with evident sense of superiority, "it's every where's noised that Miss Strangfield's weench hath run away for shame of the wrong done her by Dr. Shaw's son. But that's not it, neither. Not twenty minutes since, I met Deacon Skelton, who says to me, 'Is it true, Mrs. Bruff, that my brother Strangfield is dead?' 'The Lord forbid,' I says. 'I hope not, Mr. Skelton.' 'Then afraid says he is, then,' he says. 'Mrs. Mason, he says, has a letter this morning, and the news from Bedford, as is cousin to the Strangfields' servint, Sally her name is. She was sent for the doctor, but came first in fright to her mother—who's kept her feet all April, poor wretch—as' says that Strangfield's fell down in a fit, and's a dead man.' 'Lord bless me, sir!' says I."

"That's news indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Mead, very pale, and catching up her dress. "If it's true, it's as strange a visitation as any that ever I read of in Holy Writ. Good-by to ye. You've put me in a hurry, Mrs. Bruff. Lord save us! what wonderful things happen in this life!"

She was limping rapidly away before Mrs. Bruff could return her farewell.

She was too experienced a gossip herself to believe in the accuracy of any story related before the inquest, but she well knew that aim at never quite any story got abroad without some foundation. There may be there's a flame where there is only a spark; but beware there is fire of some kind.

Hastily down the street she went. Arrived at her home, she washed her face, brushed her hair, dusted her bonnet and shawl, and, glancing at the cupboard, to make sure of a bit of dinner to be cooked on her return, she walked forth once more, and walked direct to Strangfield's house.

No outward and visible sign there was of anything being amiss.

Mrs. Mead knocked softly, and, with an insistence bred in her by the dislike how her existence lived in her by herself close, that by the Strangfields but by none else was she might not be spied by any sideways glance from the window. No one responding, she knocked again loudly, and presently the door was opened by Mrs. Strangfield herself.

The desolate white and grief of the poor woman's face was indeed something heart moving to behold. The utter forlornness of the eyes, the piteous droop of the mouth, the disheveled state of hair and attire, which into grief throws a violent dramatic element, were its own expression. She looked at Mrs. Mead, while the old lady babbled a courtesy, as a person to whom everything that offers has a meaning cruelly hard to master.

"God forbid, mistress," said Mrs. Mead, "ye should think I am come out of evil curiosity. They say the decision hath been stricken ill, and I feit very would I know this from one who hath the truth."

"Why do you come here for news? This is a house of mourning now. I am a desolate, lonely woman. Heaven help me," replied Mrs. Strangfield in a broken voice.

"Sh, indeed, ye be, if it is only for your daughter's leavin' ye," said Mrs. Mead with deep compassion. "But what hath happ'd to the deacon? For the Lord's sake let me hear it of you, ma'am!"

"He hath been struck with paralysis, and lies dying and calling for his daughter. That is the truth. And now must I go to him, for your knock has brought me from his bed, and the maid is away on an errand, and I am alone in the house."

She spoke with inability of exhausted grief, and was stepping back to close the door.

"Stay!" cried Mrs. Mead, "I bring thee news of thy child."

The mother wheeled round with a shriek, and with both hands seized her arm.

"What of her? Is she living?"

"Living and well. Not an hour ago I left her."

Mrs. Strangfield had no words. The sudden dispersion of the fears that had torn her heart was a moral convulsion that deprived her of speech. She stood with her fingers clutching hard the old woman's arm. Then incoherently she spoke.

"Sweet girl! How hath she been wrongful! My pretty one! Alive, indeed, and I have been praying for thee. Oh, what a sorrow to befall the pure in heart! God forgive me!"

She drooped and leaned toward Mrs. Mead, and brought up the old hand to her mouth and kissed it, weeping the while such tears as only mothers weep.

"Alive and well!" she burst out again. "Dear heart, to bring me such good tidings! Come in, come in! God is good to send thee! Dear heart, what joy you give me!"

With drops trickling down her furrowed cheek, Mrs. Mead suffered herself to be drawn into the house by the passionate mother.

"Quick, now, dear friend," cried Mrs. Strangfield, feverishly. "Tell me where my girl is! Is she in Greystone?—Oh, my poor heart!"

"She is at Winston, at the Greyhound there, and you must go and fetch her, and tell her what blow hath fallen on thee, or she will not return. Oh, she is tender and pitiful as!" quavered the old woman, in a voice strangely composed of indignation and sympathy. "Nurse, she swears, will she

room to her home again, to be despised and thought ill of. For her dying father she may come—but you must fetch her, mistress."

"Come! Oh, she will come when she sees my face, and hears that her father lies moaning for her. Besides, hath not Dr. Shaw proved her a married woman? Ay, this very morning. Mrs. Mead, he came to bring us written proof of my Jenny's marriage with Cuthbert Shaw! But how can I leave my husband?" she cried, distractedly. "The doctor says he must be watched. And how can I fetch my Jenny and be with my poor Michael?"

"Well, well! truly proved married! And she hath told no less, them!" gasped Mrs. Mead. "The Lord forgive ye for all the pain you have given her. What didst thou say?—thy husband wants nursing! While ye're upon I'll watch by him. I've nursed a many time. Hath he his mind?"

"Yes, he lies still—he has no power in one arm—and he groans sadly. He calls for Jenny, and—Oh, Mrs. Mead! if I can not find her she may never see her again in this world. Dear Mrs. Mead, where you will stop, run up to him now, dear heart, while I get my bonnet. I will be very quick. Do you think I have courage to go quick since she is gone? Straight up, Mrs. Mead, to the right. Sh-sh! I will show thee. Oh, God grant him ghastly life!"

She ran upstairs swiftly, yet with light skirts, and Mrs. Mead went laboriously, quivering and stumbling after her. Outside the door quite clearly was the groaning of the man heard. He lay on his back looking toward the wall, and in the gloom of the room his face was scarcely distinguishable from the pillow for the whiteness of it.

With finger on her lip Mrs. Strangfield motioned to Mrs. Mead to take the chair by the bedside, and, nimbly opposing herself, she listened to the old woman's ear and breathed hurried instructions. They were quick enough, and to Mrs. Mead's discretion was left the explanation of her presence if she thought I should observe her. But, truly, there was little chance of this: never once lifted from the parlor floor and up upon the bed, had he stirred, and that would be over three hours. At regular intervals he groaned, and as his wife glided out of the room he called for Jenny.

CHAPTER XXIV.

JENNY AND HER MOTHER.

Just out of High street, not a stone's throw from the church, lived Mr. Franklin, who owned the Swiftsure coach that plied between Greystone and the old city on the road to London.

He was a pudding-faced man, and shaped from half in that part of his body which the head of his breeches circled; and he stood, with his legs wide apart, sucking a straw at the gateway of his yard, wherein, under cloth, stood his rolling stock, when Mrs. Strangfield breathlessly came to him, and besought him, with clasped, entreating hands, instantly to order out one of his coaches, that she might be driven to Winston.

Now, fortunately for her, Franklin was a prompt man, and reading urgency in the poor woman's desperate face, he gave a short whistle, and out from a little office trundled a knock-kneed hostler.

"Number Two, Jeremy, and Sarah's your gal. Let Thomas scrape himself, and tell him the lady's waiting," said Mr. Franklin, and with dispatch that would please this elderly age to experience, a coach rattled up to the gate.

"To the Greyhound, at Winston, as quick as ever you can gallop," cried Mrs. Strangfield, and in a trice the heavy wheels of the vehicle were scattering lounges in the roadway on the pavements, and making the shop windows clink to the thunder of its progress.

Well, it was a half-hour's drive, and a terrible beating one.

At last the village knew in sight; a little score of cottages swept by, and the coach came to a stand in front of the glass door of the Greyhound inn. The man descended from the box of the coach, though already from the box of the coach, though already there was sprinkling her wrist in desperate efforts to open the door for herself; and no sooner was she liberated than she flew into the arms of Sally, who, having caught sight of the coach from a window, was running to the door.

"Are you the mistress?" said Mrs. Strangfield, in a wild way.

"Yes, I be, ma'am," replied Sally, with a civil courtesy.

"Is there a lady here?"

"Ay, of you be her mother, I reckon."

"I am her mother. Take me to her at once."

Though Sally had been fortified with a dozen scruples, they would have been helplessly swept away by the peremptoriness of this command.

She's just where Mrs. Mead left her, ma'am. This way, please," and she went to the parlor door and threw it open, saying: "Come to thy mother, mistress."

Jenny was standing at the window overlooking the green space of garden at the back of the house. With a stupefied face on her shoulder turned, and a cry left her lips, and she staggered back a pace when her mother rushed to her. Then, like a flash of night at the sight of the beloved face, an impulse of love and joy leaped up in her, and in close, sobbing embrace were they locked as Sally, taking away from the sacred sight, closed the door upon them.

"Oh, Jenny, why are you here? why didst thou leave me?" cried Mrs. Strangfield, relinquishing her daughter to gaze at her, with eyes in which rapture and sorrow were strangely blended. "Never was mother's heart wrung as mine was when this morning I beheld your bed untenanted, and you were not near to answer to my call."

"I could not stay. Father would have taken me to London to-day; and see what a sad journey it would have been, and how cruel my ignorance would make him!" the girl said, pushing back her hair, and standing in a half defiant, half drooping posture before her mother.

"Thy father! Oh, Jenny! not only is it my love for thee that has brought me here in this haste—thy father is dying! Ay, he may be dead before we can return to him."

"Dying!—Mother, what do you say?" said Jenny, taking, so to speak, a firmer hold of the floor with her feet, and frowning, while a sickly hue of pallor overspread her face.

"O, Jenny! for the sake of God who hath brought me to thee, put on your hat and come with me quickly. I tell you your father is dying—he fell to the ground when Dr. Shaw brought him proof of your marriage with Cuthbert. Dost not thou know that the doctor has proved thee his son's wife! Ah, my poor heart, how should'st thou know!—and that the cause of thy husband's mooding, as the doctor believes, is that he was seized by the press gang and carried away to sea! Down thy father fell, and we bore him to his room, and the surgeon fears for his life; and all the while he lies groaning and crying upon thy name. 'Bring Jenny to me! bring Jenny to me!' he moans. My pretty, come quickly, or you'll see him no more in this world."

The girl stood transfixed and overwhelmed by her mother's news. Then you could have seen her battling with the rush and surge of tumultuous emotions a whole minute ere she spoke.

"Do you tell me that my darling is carried away to sea?" she said, in a febrile whisper.

"'Tis what his father believes."

"And that Dr. Shaw hath proved me his son's wife to my father?"

"Yes, indeed. He came with a paper, and the sight of it hath killed thy father. His heart is broken for the wrong he has done his only one!" wailed the mother. "Oh, Jenny, do not delay! There is a coach at the door. Make haste to put on your hat. You would not let him be moaning for thee in dying sorrow and not come!"

She looked at her mother with a wonderful expression of troubled amazement and incredulous horror in her eyes, then took up her hat, and in a few minutes was ready to depart. As she left the room she met Mrs. Walker, into whose hand she slipped a guinea, giving her in a sweet, strange smile as she did so, but quite powerless to speak.

The woman, much affected by Jenny's munificence, put the little trunk into the coach, and low and numerous were the courtesies she dropped as it drove off.

The rattle of wheel and window, if not a prohibition to speech, was a decided obstacle to the hearing. But Mrs. Strangfield had too much to say to hold her peace. With her child's hand locked in hers she poured her heart into Jenny's ear, and all the story of Dr. Shaw's visit told her, and the medical man's judgment on Michael's condition, with whatever else that her head was giddy with sometimes approaching and sometimes breaking into passionate explanations of rapture, which thoughts of her husband would inevitably shake; silent scarcely ever, and of the matter of her voluntarily leaving Jenny, amid the roar of the coach, in pos-

session of but very small fragments.

And the girl!

She father knew at last that she was honest, and for a brief while had exultation, of the kind that inflames the madman's eye, swelled until it had sickened her heart with the force and fullness of it. But the emotion died under the heavy droop of humiliated honor. She had won back her name, but what had the victory cost her! Her husband was gone, her father was dying, her heart was wounded and bleeding badly.

The bitter passion of shame that had driven her from Greystone revisited her again when the coach entered the High street, and she leaned back and involuntarily drew her veil over her face. The mother stopped the coach at the corner of the street, that the jar of the wheels might not penetrate the resonant wooden house, and alighted with her daughter, and both of them went quickly in.

"Mother," whispered Jenny, standing in the passage as a stranger might, "I will stay here till you have seen him."

"In the parlor, then, dearest, and rest thee. Oh, Jenny, pray God to spare him! He is thy father."

Softly the poor woman climbed the stairs, and Jenny went into the little room which, in all her life, she had vowed never again to enter. Speculating she stood, wondering how it had befallen that her mother had come so speedily.

Then through the door way came a whisper—"Jenny!"

She went out, and on the stairs she saw her mother, who for despair could only beckon, or toss her hands. She followed Mrs. Strangfield upstairs, with a creeping chill over her limbs, and the sensation of a thousand quivering fibers in her body.

In the bedroom near the bed were two figures whom she could not immediately distinguish for the feeble light in the chamber; but she speedily found that one was Mrs. Mead and the other the doctor.

Both figures drew away when mother and daughter came into the room. Mrs. Strangfield went to the bedside, and, bending over the motionless form upon it, said, in a whisper of exquisite sadness:

"Michael, Jenny is here. Wilt thou speak to her?"

For some moments there was no answer. At last, in a faint, hoarse murmur, the dying man said:

"Let her take my hand and kiss me. Jane, then knowest that I cannot move."

The girl went to her father, and put her hand into his and kissed his forehead.

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didst wrong to trick me. Of old did the prophet chide, saying, 'And thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever; so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.' But thy punishment has been sore, my poor one. By these am I convinced, whom I condemned. I was a liar for speaking what, in my wrath, I believed the truth; and it did nearly break thy heart, poor wench, as mine is broken!"

No pathos the meaning of his words had could equal the deeply moving effect given to them by his speaking with his head turned away, his voice low, his face coming, from time to time, into the shadows cast by the sun were slowly circling to the east, whence darkness comes. She hung over him with dry eyes, for the grief in her was too deep for tears.

"Father," she whispered, "I wronged thee by loving secretly; but has not my husband's going wrung my heart with punishment enough? Truly, I was innocent of worse sin than deceit; and now that you know I am innocent, and hear with my kisses, I could be happy to die."

No answer did he return, and he began to breathe heavily; on which the doctor came gently to her, and would have led her away by the feel; but the father had a grip of her hand, and she would not disengage his hold.

"Sir," the mother, in a feeble whisper:

"Is there no hope?"

The doctor shook his head, and let his chin fall on his breast, and stood quiet, with his hands clasped.

No more was said.

What was killing him, God knows! Not paralysis only, nor yet a broken heart. Yet visibly was he dying, and the difficult breath grew slower and weaker; and within an hour from Jenny's return to her home the breath in him was gone and the body growing cold. He passed away amid a deep stillness in the room: and Jenny herself, who was near him, knew not that he was dead, until a strangeness in the hold of his fingers made her shriek out.

Thus did it come about; and the mother and daughter crept in each other's arms while the doctor glided noiselessly from the house, and Mrs. Mead tenderly closed the dead man's eyes, and veiled the marble silence of his face.

CHAPTER XXV.

IN THE CITY.

Now, it was just five months after Michael Strangfield had departed this life, which brings us into the sloppy, inglorious month of November, that there hung over London, close down to the streets, a yellow fog.

All about the monument, and where a maze of streets meet, to pour their crowds toward London bridge, the fog was thickest. Here were many vehicles at a standstill, and voices belonging to invisible creatures went through the fog, with the clang of bells and stamping and slipping of iron-shod feet.

A hackney coachman, swathed in a mass of capes and looking, with the immense white shawl around his throat, like an ecclesiastic clothed in white, suddenly brought the horse he had been pulling and hauling at to a stand, and, clapping down his whip on the roof of the vehicle, leaned over and shouted into the window:

"There's no movin' ag'in' it. You can git out or sit vere you are, but here I stops."

And, saying this, he recovered his upright posture, and with great deliberation folded his arms under his cape.

The individual thus addressed, protruding his head through the window of the carriage, took a despairing look at the black scene around, filled with outlines which grew defined or vanished, as the folds of the fog circled or released them.

"Whereabouts are we, coachman?" he called out:

"If I know I'd go ahead, and blow the cost!" replied the man.

But the gentleman inside was clearly too impatient to behave sensibly; for, catching hold of a traveling bag, he jumped into the middle of the fog, and, giving some money to the coachman, went steadily in the direction to which his nose happened to point; and, luck being with him, he came to the pavement.

He called a man the way to Cornhill. "Straight on," was the reply. And after twenty minutes of bumping and groping, and when he had measured some two hundred yards, the fog lifted, the whole space and scene around cleared, and with a rush and a shout London went to work again.

It was a short walk to Cornhill. Looking carefully from side to side as he went, our friend arrived presently at a passage, on which, amid other names, carefully indicated by a pointing hand, was the scroll, "George Hunter and Company, Second Floor." He mounted the gloomy staircase, and reached a landing of four doors, on one of which he knocked.

Behind a tall, long desk were several clerks writing by lamplight.

"I wish," said the gentleman, "to see the principal—the owner of the ship Elizabeth."

At the sound of that name the whole of the clerks looked up like one man and stared at him.

"Certainly," exclaimed one of them, jumping up. "What name, if you please, sir?"

"Mr. Cuthbert Shaw."

The clerk passed into another office, and in a moment returned and requested Mr. Shaw to walk in. This was done by passing round the desk; and Cuthbert, followed by the eyes of all the clerks, entered a large office, where at a table sat two elderly gentlemen.

One of them, a gray haired man with spectacles, immediately rose.

"Mr. Shaw, I think the name was?"

"Mr. Cuthbert Shaw."

"Pray take that chair, sir. My partner, Mr. Atkinson. My name is Hunter."

He resumed his seat, looking inquisitively at the brown, though emaciated face of the young man.

"It is possible, Mr. Hunter, that you may have already been apprised of the loss of your ship, the Elizabeth, off Cape Palmas!"

"Yes, but only one week since, by the third mate of the vessel, who was rescued from a boat with four companions."

"I was on board the Elizabeth when she was wrecked, and am only just arrived in London."

"Cuthbert Shaw! I do not remember the name in the list of passengers," said Mr. Hunter. "I will refer—" and he was about to summon a clerk.

"You will not find my name in your list. I was rescued by the Elizabeth in the English channel last July, a day or two after she sailed from the Thames. I was on board an English brig of war called the Cleopatra. She engaged a French frigate and was sunk by her. Some of us got clear of the sinking hull by means of the boats, and on the following day the Elizabeth came across the boat I was in and took me on board."

"You will see to continue my story and come into the object of my visit. My time is very short in London."

"All had gone prosperously with the Elizabeth until we were drawing near the latitude of the Gulf of Guinea, when one Friday evening a furious gale set in from the west. It obliged us to run before it, and for a whole day we were driven helplessly, but on Saturday night the captain, not daring to run to the westward any longer, hove the ship to, in doing which she was struck by a sea that swept away the gallery, stove in the bulwarks and carried some of the men overboard. At the same time we lost one of our masts.

"Gentlemen, you will probably have received a full account of this disaster from the mate. It is enough if I tell you that, on the Monday morning, finding the ship leaking beyond our power to keep her afloat, the men took to the boats; but I was in feeble health, and, in the selfish rush, I was beaten down and left insensible, and for a quarter of an hour I lay; when, coming to, I found there was another man left on board—one of the Indian princes attended me. I gave up and hallooed after the boats, but they were sailing away—the gale had broken on the previous afternoon, and the sea was comparatively smooth, if I take my account of the heavy swells and long heaving that the ship was rapidly sinking, and the occupants of the boats either could not or would not heed me. I prepared myself for death—which, God knows, at that time had no terrors for me, for I had endured more than many hearts could have stood without breaking under."

Observing the pause, Mr Hunter produced a bottle of wine from a drawer and filled a glass for the young fellow. With kindly eyes and much sympathy he encouraged him to proceed.

"Gentlemen, while I stood awaiting the moment of death, which I conceived inevitable, the Indian, appearing to observe me for the first time, rushed up to me and, with many wild gesticulations and unintelligible words, dragged me to the stern of the vessel, where, to my joy, I saw a small boat suspended. She hung by ropes at the head and stern, and I motioned to the Indian to slacken the left hand rope while I released the other, by which means we got the boat down upon the water without capsizing her.

"No sooner was she afloat, than the Indian sprang over the taffrail and swung himself into her; and dreading that he might leave me to my fate, I followed him hastily, and cast the boat adrift from the ship, which twenty minutes after we had quitted her, sank.

"From this point my story is a mere, commonplace narrative of suffering, with one strange feature in it. Our boat was without sails. The other boats, having the advantage over us in size and sail, soon vanished upon the waterline."

He glanced at a timepiece, drank his wine, and continued, speaking quickly:

"There was a small quantity of fresh water in a beaker in the boat's bows, but no food of any kind. In the night, which was very calm, with bright stars, I fell asleep; and when I awoke, my mouth being parched, I went to the beaker, but found it empty. I knew that the Indian had drank the water in the night while I slept, and, in my rage and agony, I could have murdered him; but the wretch fell on his knees and so piteously moaned to me in his native language, that my fury was sobered by the fear and despair in his face, and in my misery I sat down and wept. Observing my anguish, the Indian crawled over to me on his knees and kissed my feet, and then, pulling out a package from his breast, placed it in my hand and withdrew to the bows of the boat. Scarcely knowing what I did, I thrust the package into my pocket, and instantly forgot it in the sufferings of thirst which tormented me. However, some relief I obtained by sousing my shirt in the sea and wearing it against my skin; and likewise I chewed a piece of leather from the sole of my boot, which kept my mouth moist.

"Four days passed, in sufferings I need not describe, and on the fifth day the Indian fell crazy, and, leaning over the side of the boat in a manner that nearly oversat her, he drank the salt water greedily, as a sheep would, with his mouth upon it, which brought on a black vomit, and toward the morning he died. Not until the evening of the sixth day was I rescued by a small schooner from Pernambuco to Portsmouth, blown by the gale that had wrecked the Elizabeth many miles out of her course, who, on sighting my boat, bore down and picked me up. That was on the 12th of September, as I was told—for I had lost all reckoning of time—and four days ago I arrived at Portsmouth. So this brings me to an end, gentlemen; and now will I state my motive in calling upon you."

He put his hand in his pocket, and held it there while he spoke.

"You, of course, remember that an Indian prince sailed as passenger in the Elizabeth?"

"Certainly."

"He was reported on board the ship to be possessed of very valuable jewels."

"We will give you the appraisement in figures—£170,000."

"I have explained to you that my fellow sufferer in the boat was one of the prince's attendants. The parcel he placed in my hands contained precious stones, which a jeweler in Portsmouth valued at £63,000."

"He must have stolen them when the ship was sinking," said Mr. Hunter, quickly.

"No doubt, and by so doing saved them. Here they are, in the wrapper in which they were handed to me."

Saying which, he placed the package on the table. Mr. Hunter took it up and opened it, and his partner drew close to him; and when the gems lay exposed, his eyes glistened in the light of them.

Splendid stones some of them were, truly; diamonds chiefly, with the lustrous red of rubies intermixed, and here and there the mild shimmer of a pearl. It was hard, to tell whether the gems had been extracted from settings or gathered loose as they were; but an ignorant eye might know their precious-ness.

"Well, Mr. Shaw," said Mr. Hunter, placing the open paper carefully on the table, with a gentle setting of it toward Cuthbert, "these stones are unquestionably your property, and well may you hold them, in compensation for the sufferings you have undergone."

"Well, sir, it comes to this: If they were not on that table they would be at the bottom of the sea."

"Quite so," from both partners.

"Now, gentlemen, you cannot tell me that the prince is alive!"

"That is beyond our power, certainly."

"Will you put yourselves in his place and receive the proceeds I should make to him?"

"With pleasure; but, holding him dead, we will consider your proposal in reference to his heirs!" said Mr. Hunter.

"That is as you please. Sixty-three thousand pounds is a jeweler's appraisement of those stones. He would have found me the money. I ask ten thousand for restoring them."

"Plainly, Mr. Shaw, your Portsmouth jeweler taught you no lesson," said Mr. Hunter; and the other partner arched his eyebrows.

"So open with me, gentlemen."

"Why, sir, we consider your request a very modest one."

"Then what I will ask you to do is this: Give me a letter stating that you hold these stones for me; get them appraised at your convenience. I will write to you in the meanwhile, giving you my address, and you will then send me bank post bills to cover the sum I ask."

The letter was written, the number of stones specified, and within the space of twenty minutes

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H. ROOKER,
Editor and Proprietor

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The Royal Arcanum has a membership of over 70,914. One assessment now realizes about $120,000. The average number of assessments called per year since the order was instituted is nine, and the total amount of money paid out to policy holders is $6,152,000.

On Monday last the control of the last department of the State government under Democratic control passed into the hands of Republicans. Hon. J. Simpson Africa, Democrat, turned over to Hon. Thos. J. Stewart, Republican, the department of Internal Affairs, over which Mr. Africa has presided for the past four years with signal ability. The Auditor General's department also changed hands on that day, Col. A. Wilson Norris, Republican, succeeding Hon. Jerome B. Niles, Republican. Mr. Niles has proven one of the most accomplished and intelligent Auditor Generals the State has ever had, but we predict that Col Norris will prove equally as capable.

The Newark *Advertiser*, the leading Republican paper of New Jersey refers briefly to Mugwumpism consistency as follows: "The position of the Mugwump is something like this: The political preference of a priest indicates moral turpitude in its object. Mr. Blaine is the object of Archbishop Corrigan's preference, therefore Mr. Blaine is objectionable on the ground of his moral unfitness. It appears now however, that Father McGlynn was an ardent advocate of Mr. Cleveland's election in 1884. Father McGlynn's choice, then, was commendable, and the Archbishop's was worthy of reprobation. It always does make a difference when one's own ox is gored."

The New York *Sun*, a few days since, printed the following editorial in italics, in order to give as much force to the sentiment contained therein as possible:

"By all means, Mr. Cleveland should be nominated for the Presidency in 1888 as the Democratic candidate, if it can be clearly established beforehand that the Democracy are bound to be beaten. It would be less injurious to the Democratic cause to be beaten with Mr. Cleveland than with any other man who could possibly be selected; and if any Democrat is satisfied that there is no hope, he should desire to see the nomination conferred on Mr. Cleveland. If we should become satisfied that defeat is destiny, we would advocate that selection."

Under the new representative apportionment bill, which has passed the ~~House~~ [illegible] this State, representation in the House will be changed as follows: Allegheny gains two members, and the other Republican counties of Chester, Delaware, Dauphin, M'Kean and Philadelphia gain one each. Of the Democratic counties, Clearfield, Fayette and Westmoreland gain one each, while Lackawanna, whose politics can scarcely be rated as certain either way, gets an additional member. The losses are in the Republican counties of Crawford, Erie, Franklin and Venango, and in the Democratic counties of Berks, Bucks and Carbon, each of which will have one member less under the new apportionment.

The Philadelphia *Press* says that "some Northern Tier Democrats are talking about Ex-Congressman Mortimer F. Elliott for the Democratic nomination for Supreme Judge. Elliott had more popularity a few years ago than any other Democrat in that section of the State, but he has been so much mixed up in the disposition of Federal patronage there during the Cleveland Administration that he no longer has the strong following he could once count upon." If Mr. Elliott should be the nominee of the Democratic party this fall he would carry a number of Counties in the ~~State~~ which have heretofore given Republican majorities, particularly if Judge Williams should fail to receive the Republican nomination. The dispensing of Federal patronage won't hurt Mr. Elliott a vote.

TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT.

After the defeat of the Billingsley bill in the Senate, on Thursday of last week, the representatives of the several oil districts of the State met at the Leland House in Harrisburg to consider what course it was best to pursue in the future. A committee was appointed to suggest a plan of operations who were to report to an adjourned meeting in the evening. At the evening meeting the committee made two reports which were unanimously adopted. The first was prepared by Hon. David Kirk of Bradford, and was in the form of resolutions in which Hon. J. K. Billingsley was thanked for the introduction of the bill and its successful management in the House, and Senators Emery, Walling and Newmyer were thanked for their defense of the bill in the Senate. The second report was prepared by Thos. Phillips, Esq., of Butler county, one of the largest oil producers in the country. It condemned, in strong terms, the policy and aggressions of the Standard, advised co-operation and organization either in several lodges or clubs/es of producers, and also the formation of a great stock company having the care of their interests in view, and in order to complete such organization recommended the appointment of two committees, one to call meetings in the various districts to send delegates to a general meeting at Oil City next; the other to present a plan of organization and plan for the formation of a co-operative company. Committees were appointed in pursuance of the foregoing resolutions. W. J. Inness, of Oil City, presided at the meeting, and J. D. Wolfe, of Bradford, was secretary.

THE MILLIONAIRE BILL DEFEATED.

We briefly announced last week the result of the action of the Senate on the Billingsley Bill, but we had no time to give details. Never before in the history of the Pennsylvania Senate was a bill forced to final action against the protests of its friends. All precedent was outraged in this case and undue advantage was taken because of the absence of four or five Senators who were known to be friendly to the bill. The pretense put forth by Senator Rutan that the bill should be disposed of in order to get it out of the way of other legislation was unworthy a man of his ability and experience. The bill had taken up not to exceed ten minutes time of the Senate prior to that session and would not have consumed a moment's time that day had it not been for its enemies. It had not retarded legislation in either house for a moment. It was an exceedingly flimsy excuse for so unheard of a proceeding. Senator Emery was the recognized champion of the bill in the Senate and he plead not to consider it that day, but his pleadings were of no avail. Action upon it was forced and the bill fell. We have not space to give the details of the contest, but as soon as possible we shall publish the speeches of Senators Emery and Walling in support of the measure. Their arguments were literally unanswerable in favor of the passage of the bill. They were so thoroughly convincing that no attempt at a reply was made by the opponents of the bill.

Just before the bill was considered Senator Emery rose to a personal explanation. He said that since 1872 the Standard Oil Company had followed him like a sleuth hound. Its had used every means in its power to crush him financially, socially and politically. His remarks were so full of feeling that the entire audience gave him their undivided and most earnest attention. The following summary of his speech we copy from the Harrisburg *Morning Call* of Friday last:

Mr Emery proceeded by having read the bitter charge made against him by the Oil City *Derrick*; also a communication from himself to the Meadville *Tribune* denying the truth of the charge. This charge, it will be remembered, set forth that Mr. Emery had offered to sell his $100,000 refinery at Philadelphia to the Standard Oil Company for $750,000 and that he had said if they would give him this sum he would not fight them any longer. He produced the sworn affidavits of A. H. Logan and W. R. Weaver, his partners, setting forth that the consultations held were at the solicitation of those who were in the employ of the Standard people and that the Standard had offered to buy the refinery and give Mr. Emery $22,500 per annum for five years, provided all friction should cease. Mr. Emery continuing said: "In spite of my earnest denials the *Derrick* and Titusville *Herald*, hired sheets, subsidized villifiers, continued to flaunt this shameful lie into my teeth. No man can charge that I do not enjoy the confidence of my constituents. But these hounds of hell have sent marked copies of their infamous sheets into my very house, to all of my constituents and to almost every paper from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These people have followed me since 1872 and twice robbed me of my home. There sits one (examining carefully, and pointing to Mr Scheide) who has villified me on this floor by telling Senators he believed I was a 'boodle taker.' He has no business upon this floor, much less to injure my standing. [illegible] fellow members. If standing. [illegible] from your country would have come here to work for this measure but I tell you they are too poor to ride and could not walk, unless they did so barefooted. They have been driven to poverty by the nefarious practices and exhorbitant charges of this gigantic monopoly. Had I ever for a moment considered dollars and cents I would have gone to the Standard long ago. I had many opportunities. I rise in defense of myself for the people who do not know me. Those who know me need no denial. I submit to you Senators whether I am right in defending my character. These Standard men are here hired to defeat this measure right or wrong. I stand here," exclaimed Mr. Emery with vehemence, "as a man to defy these scoundrels in court. I say that when they said that I had ever tried to barter with them they lied. I have thrown down the gauntlet, and dare them, aye, defy them to take it into court. Throw open the doors of the court and take these charges I make if you dare. I look men in the face about me who came to me with the dirty and libelous publication and said 'Mr. Emery, I don't believe these charges.' It is not for them that I make my defence, but for people who do not know me. Because I am here in defence of a just law, I submit that I should not be defamed by these villifying articles. You may say why don't you sue them. If I sue the *Derrick* no one is there responsible. If I sue the Titusville *Herald* there the same case exists. Mr Schiedt takes good care to qualify his statements or I would get him as I should like to Senators, I thank you for your kind attention. I have made my declaration. They are all liars from the old whore. The courts are open to them."

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

[From our own correspondent.]

HARRISBURG, May 3.—The days of the Legislature of 1887 are fast drawing to a close and the tired and weary (?) Legislators no doubt will gladly welcome the day that shall release them from their arduous duties. Reckoning the fact that less than two months of working days remain in which to pass several hundred bills on its calendar, the House has determined upon three sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays, early evening sessions on Monday, and early sessions for Tuesdays—but with all this diligence the greater number of the bills on the House calendar must fall for want of time. However the House is working with commendable zeal (it would have been better to have had a beginning several weeks ago) to atone in a measure for lost time in the early days of the session. On Wednesday of last week the Senate bill giving to the McKean and Potter Judicial District an Additional Law Judge was in fact an Additional Law Judge was in fact an fair way for favorable consideration by the House but an unfortunate squabble over a bill changing the divorce laws of the State consumed almost an entire session, when adjournment changed the order of business for that day to the Senate and the Judicial bill for the 43th district went over for one week. There is, however, little doubt that the bill, which proposes to give this district the relief which is so much needed, will be passed and in this one instance, more than probable, will receive Executive sanction. This last piece of news may seem like a contradiction of what your correspondent has so often written when speaking of the probable final disposition of this bill, but it can be explained by saying that this last prophesy may be fulfilled by reason of the arguments urged that the business of the courts in the 43th district is peculiar and the requisite relief cannot be given by calling in a neighboring Judge, unfamiliar with the practice of this court and hence a law Judge, specially appointed for the district is necessary. The bill is on 3d reading in the House and will no doubt be reached to-day.

Woman's day in the present Legislature was on Wednesday last. In the House was discussed a bill to grant divorces absolute for one cause alone—infidelityness to marital vows. This proposition proved a grand opportunity for argument, pro and con, and almost an entire session was devoted to this one bill. In the Senate Senator Wolverton made an ably prepared legal argument for changing existing laws relating to husband and wife and their right to manage and enjoy their seperate estates, each independent of the other.

This bill was considered at the same time the House was discussing the divorce bill and hence the name "woman's day." Both measures above referred to were advanced to 3d reading.

By far the most important day of the present session, to the oil counties, was Thursday when the Billingsley bill was called up for final passage.

The oil counties had a good representation present, in the producers from almost the entire oil sections of the State, who watched the gallant fight that Senator Emery made for the oil pipage bill—but it was a forlorn hope. The Standard's fiat had, seemingly, gone forth, that the bill must be defeated and so it was, yet it went down with colors flying.

The disappointment of the attending producers could not be concealed, nor was any attempt made by the Standard's friends to conceal their joy at the death of the bill.

The defeat of this measure of relief to the oil producers has, however, shown the necessity for the organization of the oil interests and the producers were quick to grasp the situation. At a meeting called at the Leland House, this city, in the evening after the defeat of the bill steps were taken to combine the interests of all the producers.

Co operation and organization were advised, the latter to be secret or not, as deemed best and it was suggested that a stock company should be organized, with a view to a unity of action of all interests involved and the better to be prepared to enter into a winning fight at a subsequent session of the Legislature. Resolutions congratulatory to Senator Emery, Representative Billingsley and the friends who stood by them and condemnatory of the Standard Oil Company and its methods and those Senators who upheld them, were passed. Before adjourning two committees were raised, one to call meetings in the various districts to send delegates to a general meeting at Oil City on Thursday next; the other to present a plan of organization and plan for the formation of a co operative company. W. J. Inness, of Oil City, presided at the meeting, and J. D Wolfe, of Bradford, was secretary.

Senator Walling is kindly remembered for the able argument he presented in favor of the Billingsley bill, while but few words of kindness are left for those who assisted in its defeat.

The vote on the final passage of the bill was as follows — Yeas — Messrs. Alexander, Allen, Betts, Brown (Montgomery), Brown (York), Brunner, Emery, Hemminger, Hood, M'Aleer, Martin, Meredith, Newmyer, Ross, Shull, Walling, Watres and Wilson—18

Nays—Messrs. Boggs, Cooper, Dachrodt, Delamater, Grady, Harman, Huff, Keefer, Lines, M'Aleer, M'Clure, MacFarlane, Metzger, Mylin, Osborne, Penrose, Rayburn, Ruton, Steel, Stahman, Taylor, Thompson, Upperman, Watson and Smith, President pro tem — 25.

In the yeas above, Messrs. Betts, Brown (York), Brunner, Hemminger, M'Aleer, Martin, Ross, Shull and Wilson (9) are Democrats and among the nays votes the Democrats were Messrs. Dachrodt, M'Aleer, Metzger and Watson —4

The defeat of the oil pipage bill may perhaps return to haunt those who loaned their assistance to thwart a measure that was asked by the entire northwestern section of the State, with scarce a dissenting voice. In the language of the Castilliamus "*mas Terranas, mas tarde*"

ALCHOST

COLONEL QUAY was outspoken for the Billingsley bill. At a consultation on the revenue bill in his office the day before the defeat of the bill, at which were Rufus Shapley of Philadelphia, Auditor-General Niles, Colonel A. Wilson Norris and a prominent State Senator, the latter doubted the probability of the passage of the revenue bill. Colonel Quay, in a somewhat excited tone replied: "You may kill the revenue bill and the Billingsley bill, and then you may nominate a State ticket which will be whipped by fifty thousand."

It looks very much as though Tioga county would have an abundant crop of candidates for the State Senate next year. Wellsborough will turn out Messrs. Niles, Foote and Packer, and perhaps an ex-U. S. Senator, while Mansfield will come up smiling with Dr. Elliott, an ex-Member, confidently expecting to carry off the prize.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Meeting of Stockholders.

THE annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Buffalo Coal Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at their office, in Smethport, Pa., on Monday, May 16th, 1887, at the hour of 2 p. m.

J. D. TELFORD, Secretary.

May 3, 1887.

Court Proclamation.

THE HON. A. G. OLMSTED, President Judge, and Hon. [illegible] and [illegible], Associate Judges of Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of McKean, and Court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, have issued their precept, bearing date the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1887, to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer, General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, at Smethport, on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1887, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables, within the county aforesaid, that they be then and there in their proper person at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of said county of McKean are to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Dated at Smethport, Pa., the 3d day of March, A. D. 1887, and in the 111th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A. P. BANNON, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI FACIAS, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, Pa., on

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1887,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

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All the defendants' interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate in the township of Ceres, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of land conveyed to P. D. Pedrick, No. 16; thence north 85 perches to a post corner; east 60 perches to a post corner; south 85 perches to a post corner; west 60 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 31 1-10 acres, and being lot No. 73 of the Kettle allotment of warrant No. 4288.

2—Beginning at a post standing 1 perches north and 94 perches west from the southeast corner of lot No. 16, thence by lot No. 15, F. Carter, No. 14, thence south 80 perches to a post corner; thence west 60 perches to a post corner; north 80 perches to a post corner; east 60 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 30 acres, and being lot No. 13 of the allotment aforesaid, and part of warrants Nos. 2203 and 5462.

3—Beginning at a post at the northwest corner of land conveyed to Henry Smith, lot No. 60, thence north 100 perches to a beech the southwest corner of lot No. 107; east 100 perches to a post corner; post corner; south 100 perches to a post corner; west 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 70 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 106 of the allotment aforesaid, and part of warrant No. 2217, subject to the reservation and is to be sold as the property of G. N. Smith and C. H. Gillett.

Also Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

2

The defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Hamlin, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of land owned by Henry Smith, lot No. 60; thence north 100 perches to a post corner; thence east 100 perches to a post corner; thence south 100 perches to a post corner; thence west 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 70 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 106 of the allotment aforesaid, and part of warrant No. 2217.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. N. Smith and C. H. Gillett.

Also Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

3

The defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Hamlin, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northeast corner of land conveyed to Henry Smith, lot No. 60, thence north 100 perches to a post corner; thence west 100 perches to a post corner; thence south 100 perches to a post corner; thence east 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 70 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 107 of the allotment aforesaid, and part of warrant No. 2217.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. N. Smith and C. H. Gillett.

Also Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

4

The defendants' interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of land conveyed to Henry Smith, lot No. 107, thence north 100 perches to a post corner; thence east 100 perches to a post corner; thence south 100 perches to a post corner; thence west 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 70 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 108 of the allotment aforesaid, and part of warrant No. 2217.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. N. Smith and C. H. Gillett.

Also Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

5

All the defendant's interest in the following described real estate, to-wit: Being a piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of the Nelson farm, thence running parallel with the farm 80 rods; thence south fifty three and three-fourths (53 3-4) rods, thence east forty (40) rods, thence south fifty three and three-fourths (53 3-4) rods, thence east forty (40) rods to the place of beginning. Containing 20 acres, and being part of warrant No. 2217, together with one (1) one-half (1-2) interest in one two story frame dwelling house and one-half (1-2) interest in one two story frame barn, small outbuildings and one-half (1-2) interest in one orchard of apple trees, and one-half (1-2) interest in one orchard of plum trees.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Frank M. Wagner and George N Smith, and Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

6

All the defendant's interest in the following described real estate, lying and being in the township of Ceres, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a post the northeast corner of land conveyed to Agnes Ward, lot No. 127; thence west 100 perches to the southeast corner of lot No. 126, north six and two-tenths (6 2-10) perches to the southwest corner of lot No. 122, east eighty (80) perches to a post corner, south one hundred and thirty-six and five-tenths (135 5-10) perches to a post corner in the north line of lot No. 115, west one hundred and forty-two (142) perches to a post corner of and forty-two (42) perches to the place of beginning. Containing 100 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 116 of the allotment of land in Ceres township, part of warrants Nos. 3447 and 2125, deeded to Bell by Henry Chevalier of Sept. 5, 1870, recorded Bell by Henry Chevalier of Sept. 5, 1870, recorded Feb. 14, 1882, in deed book "O," page 287, &c. Cleared and cultivated.

No. 7—Beginning at a beech, the southeast corner of lot No. 89 of Keating land conveyed to Crossley and Ward; thence north one hundred and sixty-eight and four tenths (168 4-10) perches to a post; thence east one hundred and forty-two (142) perches to a post; thence south one hundred and sixty-eight and four-tenths (168 4-10) perches to a beech, the northeast corner of lot No. 89; thence west one hundred and forty-two (142) perches to the place of beginning. Containing about three and one-half acres, more or less, and about one-third improved, being part of warrant No. 2217.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. Benson at suit of H. Hamlin.

8

The defendant's interest in all that certain piece or tract of land situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the southwest corner of lot No. 117, thence north 80 perches to a post corner; thence east 100 perches to a post corner; thence south 80 perches to a post corner; thence west 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 50 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 118 of the allotment of land in Keating, allotment of land in Keating township and part of warrant No. 2258; unimproved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of George N Smith use Byron D Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

4

The defendants' interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of lot No. 117, thence south 80 perches to a post corner; thence east 100 perches to a post corner; thence north 80 perches to a post corner; thence west 100 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 50 acres, more or less, being part of warrant No. 2217.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of George N Smith use Byron D Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest.

John Forrest, Pff's Att'y

5

All the defendant's interest in the following described real estate, to-wit: Being a piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of the Church lot, thence by same south eighty-six (86) perches to the centre of Onnaqo Creek; thence by said creek south eighty-two and eight-tenths (82 8-10) perches to the centre of said creek; thence by said creek south seven (7) perches to a stone thence north 76 3-4° east six and eight-tenths (6 8-10) perches to a post; thence north one and three-fourths (1 3-4) perches to the place of beginning. Containing forty-nine and one-half (49 1-2) acres, more or less, being the same parcel of land conveyed by Wilson Peasland conveyed by deed dated February 22, 1856 recorded February 25, 1856, in deed book "H," page 580, &c. Unimproved.

No. 2—Beginning at a post corner where the Big Way crosses the Pennsylvania line; thence south along the highway to the Onnaqo Creek; thence in a southerly direction along the Onnaqo Creek to a stone; thence north twelve and one-third (12 1-3) rods; thence north to the Pennsylvania line aforesaid; thence east along said line to the (16) rods; thence east along said line to the place of beginning fifteen (15) rods. Containing one (1) acre, more or less, improved, and having thereon erected one frame barn. Also having thereon erected one frame house and one large frame barn, small outbuildings, being the same land conveyed by A. T. Newell and wife to Benjamin Dikeman, recorded in deed book 80, page 250, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Benjamin Dikeman at suit of H. Foster, committee of Cynthia Dikeman, lunatic.

Brown & Roberts, Pff's Att'ys

9

The defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land described as follows: Situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of [illegible] H. Curtis dated the 14th day of October, 1885, this being a post corner, thence running east one hundred and [illegible] (114) rods to a post, thence south forty-six (46) degrees, east one hundred and two-tenths (102-10) perches to a post in the north-west corner of Dawson and Haines street; thence along the centre of said road south forty-two (42) degrees, east one hundred, two and eight-tenths (102 8-10) perches to a post, thence west at right angles with John Martin's land two hundred and forty-two (240) perches to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and forty-five (145) acres and [illegible] perches, more or less, except the [illegible] conveyed by Chas. Curtis to [illegible] by deed dated January 1, 1885, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, in deed book "O," page [illegible], &c. Improved and having thereon erected one two story frame dwelling house, about 26 by 30 feet, with one story frame addition in rear, one barn, with one story frame addition in rear about 30 by 40 feet, and usual outbuildings, about 15 acres improved, and about 130 fruit trees, a good spring of water and a stream of water running through the land, about 30 acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of H. H. Johnson at suit of J. T. & W. Griffith.

N. H. Orr, Pff's Att'ys

10

All the defendants' interest, the following real estate, viz: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being situate in Lafayette township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post at the northwest corner of the Singham lands conveyed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the line of H. J. Fuller; thence north two degrees, east seventy-nine perches to a post, thence south eighty-eight degrees, east one hundred and fifty-eight perches to a post in the county road, thence along said road south three degrees, west twelve perches; thence south eighty-eight degrees, west twelve perches; thence south thirty-seven degrees, west forty perches; thence north eighty-eight degrees, west thirty-seven and one-tenth perches; thence north thirty-seven degrees, west forty-seven perches; thence north eighty-eight degrees, west three-tenths perches; thence north eighty-eight degrees, west one hundred and forty-eight and three-tenths perches to the place of beginning. Containing sixty-three and three-tenths acres, more or less, excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre conveyed to Alpha Morse, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre conveyed to Andrew C. Hall, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre conveyed to Thomas Tait, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre conveyed to Joseph H. Tait, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre conveyed to Warrant No. 2235

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LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

This is the month of flowers.

Decoration Day will soon be here.

It is now lawful to wear straw hats.

The click of the lawn mower is once more heard.

Work has begun on the Emporium water works.

The Mansfield *Advertiser* calls our town "Smithfield."

The 24th of May and not a circus billed anywhere as yet.

Brownell Brothers have laid a new plank floor in their store.

Many farmers in this county are complaining of a scarcity of hay.

Wanted—a girl to do general house work. Enquire at this office.

Large applications take up considerable space in to-day's paper.

Look up the filth about your premises and thereby ward off fevers.

Excursion rates of fare on the railroads is the cry of the traveling public.

There are one hundred and ten applications for licenses at the May session.

The Eagle clock has been on exhibition in Bradford during the past week.

The dandelions were blossomed out in Sunday last for the first time this season.

The Emporium *Press* devotes a column of its space to "mineral water" matter.

There is a good deal of drunkenness complained on our streets on Saturday last.

A runaway horse has just "kicked the bucket" at the ripe old age of thirty-two years.

The Tioga county prohibitionists will put a full county ticket in the field this fall.

Mrs. McCarty has moved into Mrs. Dr. Brown's cozy little cottage on King street.

Messrs. Olmsted & Beaman are painting the house of W. J. Colegrove on King street.

Five hundred bushels of potatoes were recently shipped from Ceres to Bradford.

Painters are engaged in decorating the exterior of John Forest's handsome residence.

The Potter county sugar makers say that last week was the most productive of the season.

There are 226,240 acres of timber lands in Potter county, and only 17,360 were improved.

We notice that the local department of the Kingdom *Standard* has been greatly improved of late.

Sheriff Bauman comes to the front nobly with a batch of Sheriff's sales for the May session.

The band gave a delightful open air concert on the Court House lawn on Monday evening last.

Presiding Elder Rev. F. J. Kissell will occupy the pulpit in the M. E. church on Sunday evening next.

It has been decided to increase the capital stock of the Wellsboro Water Co. from $50,000 to $75,000.

Dr. Palmer, of Port Allegany, has retired as Coroner for the purpose of practicing his profession.

All the prisoners of war of Allegany county, N. Y., will meet at Friendship on Wednesday, June 15.

Several abandoned oil wells near Olean will be drilled deeper, with the hope of reviving that territory.

Isaac Ogilvie has moved on the farm recently occupied by A. Anderson, about half a mile west of this borough.

Our genial friend Sprague says that the trade in fishing tackle has been quite brisk since the trouting season opened.

Prof. D. M. Bristol, with his array of trained horses, is holding the boards at Wagner Opera House, Bradford this week.

A class of sixty were confirmed at the Emporium Catholic church by Bishop Mullin, of Erie, on Tuesday of last week.

Messrs. W. S. and R. W. Brownell have been busily engaged during the past week building a sidewalk on the west side of Main street.

Ladies who try artificial means to beautify their complexion, will be pleased to learn that one of the fourteen samples of "toilet cream," warranted to beautify their complexion, analyzed by a Washington chemist, every one contained stuff certain to ruin the face after a year's use, and some of them were highly poisonous.

—It is said that several of Wellsville's leading business men contemplate settling in Austin, Potter county's destined city.

—Alfred Stuckbrest has just completed a fine piece of grading in front of his residence on the corner of King and Union streets.

—Monday was our first sixty degree spring day. The thermometer registered 80 degrees in the shade. A pretty good starter for summer.

—To-day we publish the concluding chapters of "Forced Apart." We have no doubt our readers have been highly entertained by this interesting serial.

—Our correspondent at Eldred must not be too severe by the *Eagle*. That paper's local intelligence is not always accurate. In fact that is true with all papers.

—Oleanders want that place lit by means of electric lights. The little hamlet of Colegrove, this county, has had electric lights for some time past. Why not Olean.

—Joe and Mat Reilly, of this place, have just completed a fine job of flagging the hall of the Potter county Court House. These gentlemen's work speaks for itself every time.

—All parts of the county was well represented at the county seat on Tuesday last. More than usual interest was centered in the election of County Superintendent.

—The convention of school directors of McKean county held at the Court House on Tuesday last for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent, was the most exciting convention of the kind ever held in the county.

—Judge Victor A. Elliott, of Denver, Col., is visiting Tioga county friends. The Judge, who is an able jurist, is a cousin of Hon. M. F. Elliott. During the presidential campaign of 1872 he edited the Mansfield *Advertiser*.

—Eugene J. Miller, a well known newspaper man, has assumed control of the Kane *Leader*. We have no doubt as to Mr. Miller's ability to make the *Leader* a first-class newspaper. We wish him abundant success in his new undertaking.

—As it will devolve upon High Constable Buttingame to enforce the ordinance against bicycle riding on our walks, it would be a pretty good idea for him to invest in a Texas pony, that he may be better prepared to ride down those who do not heed the law.

—We stated last week that it was reported about town that Taylor & Parker, the enterprising grocery men, contemplated going out of business at an early day. We have since learned from the gentlemen comprising the above firm that there is no truth in the report. We are glad to make this correction.

—The citizens of Smethport will no doubt have an opportunity before the season closes of seeing that new and original play, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." We are informed by the Friendship *Register* that E. O. Rogers is rigging out two companies of Uncle Tom's to take the road in the near future.

—H. L. Burlingame, our efficient constable, was appointed by the council, at their meeting on Monday evening last, high constable of this borough. Mr. Burlingame at once qualified and has entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office. A better selection could not have been made.

—It will be seen by referring to the advertisement of Messrs. Olmstead & Beaman, lately of Ridgway, that they are now prepared to do all kinds house, sign, carriage, ornamental painting, interior decorative work, etc., etc., on short notice and on reasonable terms. They are not only skilled workmen, but they are gentlemen in every sense of the word. Give them a trial.

—Owners of bicycles, tricycles, etc., will find among the new advertisements in to-day's MINER, a borough ordinance passed at the meeting of the council, held on Monday evening last, prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks in this borough between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. Post yourselves, and thus avoid the penalty prescribed.

—We have received from Barnes, Hengerer & Co., of Buffalo, a copy of "The Industries of Buffalo," giving a resume of the leading industrial establishments of that city, its growth and manufactures. The opening section is devoted to a history of the Great Iron Stock, and the immense business of Barnes, Hengerer & Co., as being the leading store of its kind in Western New York.

—Lew Manning, an old typo-tourist, cast anchor in this port on Saturday last. "Lew" is known by almost every printer from one end of this country to the other, as there are comparatively few cities or towns in the United States that he has skipped during his long career. We cannot see that the "restless" has aged a particle during the past dozen or fifteen years that we have known him. He was taking the overland route for Oil City.

Baptist Church.

Subject for next Sunday morning's discourse: "The Heaven Size." Evening: "Discouragement." The pastor, Rev. C. H. Mitchelmore, will preach at Colegrove at 3 o'clock p. m.

St. Luke's Church.

Services on Sunday next at 8 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The quarterly offering for Diocesan Missions will be received at the morning service. Service at East Smethport at 3 p. m. in the upper room of Mr. P. Ford's house.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Quarterly Meeting—Services to commence in the morning with a Love-feast at 9:30 o'clock. Preaching at the usual hour; after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These services will be conducted by the Pastor.

In the evening preaching at the usual hour, will be conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. T. J. Bissell.

Select School.

By request of several of the patrons, Kate Knight will organize a select school of miscellaneous grades, if enough pupils apply. Term to open May 23d and continue six weeks. Parents wishing their children to attend will please send applications as soon as possible. Tuition 50 cents per week. Two or more children from one family, $5 per term.

Two Enterprising Ladies.

Two enterprising ladies of East Smethport, Pa., Miss Chas. Capehart and Mrs. Clarence Powell, are making a desperate effort to secure means for the purpose of laying a much-needed sidewalk along the main street of that growing town. They have, already, solicited subscriptions amounting to more than fifty dollars, including an amount raised in cash of about thirty dollars. It is expected that work will be commenced in the near future, as the lumber has been purchased, part of it drawn and deposited upon the grounds. These ladies deserve the highest praise of the community for their indefatigable and unceasing labors in this worthy cause.

Election of County Superintendent.

The election of County Superintendent held in this borough on Tuesday last was a very spirited one, and resulted in the choice of W. P. Eckels, Esq., the efficient principal of the Kane school. Mr. Eckels is a thorough instructor, and as we said before the meeting of the convention, he is in every way qualified to fill the office of County Superintendent to the satisfaction of all. The successful candidate is a graduate of Allegheny College, Meadville, and has met with great success in his chosen profession—that of teaching. We congratulate the people of McKean county that the office of Superintendent has fallen to so capable hands. Mr. Eckels was elected on the twenty-third ballot.

A Cemetery Fence.

Rose Hill Cemetery is the admiration of all strangers as well as of our own people. It bears of the most delightful spots in all this section of the State. Up to the present time it has been encircled by an unsightly board fence which is very much dilapidated and which has greatly detracted from the general loveliness of the location. The Cemetery Association has a fund on hand of something over $1200, two-thirds as much as would be needed to procure a handsome iron fence, and the question arises whether it would not be good policy to enclose the cemetery with such a fence now than to put it off a few years. It is only a question of time when the demand will be universal for something better than a board fence, and would it not be economy to put up a fence now which would not only be an ornament but which would be standing long after the present generation had passed away.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in the place would notify us by postal or by calling a notice at this office.

Frank Foster visited Bradford yesterday.

Hugh Brawley was "over the hill" on Wednesday last.

C. A. Anderson, of Colegrove was in town yesterday.

Joshua Davis, Esq., of Kane was in town on Tuesday last.

W. J. Milliken, Esq., went to Lafayette yesterday on business.

F. E. Rowley was over from Port Allegany on Tuesday last.

C. B. Bard, of Port Allegany, was in town on Tuesday last.

Mrs. D. V. Cressmire, of Kane, is visiting Mrs. F. Kerns this week.

Leon Hogarth visited his parents in Port Allegany on Sunday last.

Mr. A. J. Wheeler, of Deposit, N. Y., was in town a few days this week.

Mrs. Wiser, of Johnstown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elisha Bush of this place.

Charles Bell, of Ceres was a welcome caller at this office on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McQuiston visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morrison Tuesday.

W. P. Eckels, of Kane, County Superintendent-elect, was in town yesterday.

J. O. Sonberg, of Clermont, was taking in sights at the county seat on Tuesday last.

H. S. Sartwell and daughter Bessie, of Olean, visited relatives and friends in town yesterday.

Miss Edith Shoemaker and Mrs. J. W. Benton drove over to Bradford on Wednesday.

F. P. Shumer, of Port Allegany, made this office a short call while in town on Tuesday last.

F. H. Arnold, Esq., one of Port Allegany's leading business men was in town Tuesday last.

Miss Mable Owen, of Randolph, N. Y., is visiting at the residence of A. T. Palmer on Green street.

Ev. Chadwick, the magnanimous landlord of the Larrabee House, drove up from that place on Thursday.

H. F. Harbour, editor of the *Star*, is lying seriously, though not dangerously ill at his residence in Bradford.

W. J. Colegrove, Esq., was called to Philadelphia on business last Thursday. He will return on Saturday.

M. A. Lillibridge came over from Port Allegany to see the fun on Tuesday last. Mat. is one of the most genial men of the day.

Chas. P. Byron, of Bradford, has been looking after his interests in the gas wells of this place a few days during the past week.

N. H. Knapp, formerly of the MINER force, has signed with the Du Bois base ball club. He departed for that place Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Gallup, who have been visiting in Steuben county, N. Y., during the past few months, have returned home.

Fred Brown, of the *Eagle*, and F. L. Armstrong, one of Eldred's legal lights, were welcome callers at this office Tuesday last.

F. C. Pierce has been confined to his bed for a couple of days this week, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Brown is recovering rapidly.

We had the pleasure on Tuesday last of grasping the hand of our old time friend John H. Tate, of Clermont. He came down to help elect a County Superintendent.

Mr. Clarence Baker, double bass player of the orchestra accompanying Prof. Bristol's Equescurriculum, which is exhibiting in Bradford this week, visited the family of his uncle Mr. John Baker of this place yesterday.

One thousand bushels of potatoes wanted by Stickney & Co., East Smethport.

Buy your groceries of H. C. Young. He will not be undersold.

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TURNER and valises as cheap as can be got anywhere, at Gleason & Lemmler's. A complete stock to select from.

Disgusted With Kansas.

The Olean *Democrat* says: Mr. and Mrs. John Shenkel and family, who went from Olean to Harper county, Kansas, two or three years ago, where they purchased a farm, have returned to Smethport, where Mr. Shenkel has been temporarily employed for a few weeks. They will probably locate in Olean again, and would like to sell their property in the west. Mrs. Shenkel is in this city at present. She says that there is no money to be made in the raising of crops in Kansas, at least that portion of the State where they were located, and the truth may just as well be told about it. As new railroads are built there is a tendency for real estate to advance in value; but the unlucky owner of a farm there is in danger of being starved out before the railroad arrives. The country is full of sharpers who spend their time in deceiving people and selling land that is as poor and unproductive as blue sky. The family unanimously say that they have had enough of this country and that they came back to civilization. The fact is there is nothing too good for people who have lived in Olean, and there are a good many things that are not good enough.

Coudersport Fish Club.

The Coudersport Fish Club have leased of W. B. Gourdier and wife, the large spring and ponds near the east line of the borough, for the purpose of growing trout to stock Mill creek and are now filling the upper pond for 10,000 young trout to arrive in a few days. These springs are the largest and best for trout raising in the county, coming out at the foot of the mountain on the north side between it and Mill creek for nearly a mile with a natural channel the whole distance to the outlet into Mill creek, which come to the conclusion that if Mr. Tate, of Clermont, could grow such fine trout in Mill creek, which come to the mountain at that place, but which is fully 30 rods away from the springs or mountain with good high ground between that is never overflowed with water. The bottom of the spring brook is of hard fine gravel and well stocked now with small trout from spawn deposited by trout last fall. Erastus Lewis, a graduate of Lymansville ponds, has the management for the Club and will have everything in apple-pie order this fall for hatching of trout from eggs.—*Coudersport Journal.*

Good style is good sense, good health, good energy, good will, but a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a good benefaction that suffering humanity has already learned to appreciate.

New lot of ladies fine shoes in all widths and sizes just received at D. C. Young's. Every pair guaranteed.

An elegant line of Jerseys just received at Mrs. Nash's.

FOR lime, hair, plaster, cement, etc., go to F. E. BROOKS, Smethport.

WANAMAKER'S samples just received at M. L. Armstrong's.

President Garfield's Physician.

Dr. Bliss speaking in the highest terms of Speer's Port Wine writes the following from

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24, 1884.

ALFRED SPEER, ESQ., Passaic, N. J.

Dear sir: I have to acknowledge the superior quality of Wines of your production, notably your Port Wine, and to say I have prescribed them for my patients for the past two years, with uniform and satisfactory results. I have full confidence in the purity of your Wines and that they are uniformly of standard strength, hence prescribe them almost exclusively in my practice.

Very truly yours,
D. W. BLISS, M. D.

Where to Get Your Clothing.

It is very natural for a person who contemplates purchasing clothing to inquire where he can do the best. To those seeking good goods and low prices we can conscientiously recommend the old reliable clothing house of M. A. Lillibridge, Port Allegany. Mr. Lillibridge has just received an immense stock of new clothing, which he is determined to sell at prices heretofore unheard of in this section of country. Everything on his shelves is the best the market affords, and of the latest styles. Give him a call and be convinced that the half has not been told.

For Thirty Dollars

You can get a hand-made double harness at Gleason & Lemmler's. For a little more money you can get a better one. Don't fail to call and see stock.

Eldred, May 2.

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PROGRAM

OF MEMORIAL SERVICES, MAY 30TH, 1887, AT SMETHPORT, PA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—T. A. Morrison, John C. Barker, Wm. H. Grunstead, A. H. Peirce, D. F. Wright, Secretary.

MARSHAL—H. H. Choate.

AIDS—C. S. King, W. Z. Georgia.

PRESIDENT OF THE DAY—Hon. B. D. Hamlin.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS—J. M. McElroy, H. H. Choate.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE — John C. Barker, Wm. H. Grosbine.

COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS'—T. A. Morrison, B. F. Wright.

COMMITTEE ON FLOWERS—Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Peirce, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Vickery, Ethel Armstrong, Hettie King, Ella and Lena Wright, Clark Hoffman, Dora Burlingame, Ida Thamm, T. A. Morrison, B. F. Wright.

COMMITTEE ON MUSIC—J. M. McElroy, L. Rogers.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING — Emil Thamm, S. G. Bush.

Design of flowers will please leave them at the Wright House, not later than 12 M.

Please preserve this program for use May 30th.

THE PROCESSION

will form in front of the Court House, not later than 1 p. m., and move in the following

ORDER AND ROUTE:

Smethport Drum Corps, McKean Post 217, G. A. R.

The Sunday Schools in charge of their respective Superintendents.

Smethport Cornet Band.

ORATORS OF THE DAY.

Capt. L. W. Gilford, Capt. W. B. Chapman, W. J. Milliken, Esq.

Smethport Fire Department in charge of Foreman Sheridan Gorton.

CIVIC SOCIETIES.

Aiken Post No. 238 G. A. R., Aiken.

Rew City Post No.——G. A. R., Rew City.

Select Knights A. O. U. W., Coleville.

Smethport Lodge I. O. O. F., Smethport.

Clermont Lodge I. O. O. F., Clermont.

Alton Lodge I. O. O. F., Alton.

Old soldiers in command of Jas. Howard, citizens and carriages.

ROUTE.—Down Main to Mechanic street, Mechanic street to Cemetery.

EXERCISES.

READING OF GENERAL ORDERS—Adj. H. L. Burlingame.

ADDRESS—Capt. L. W. Gilford.

DIRGE—Band.

PRAYER—Rev. Wm. Bradley.

ODE—Choir led by J. M. McElroy.

PRAYER—Post Chaplain.

ODE—Choir.

Strewing of flowers by three designated comrades with recitations and responses, assisted by the Chaplain.

General strewing of flowers, participated in by all comrades and citizens, accompanied by a dirge by the Band.

At the close of this ceremony, the comrades and visiting organizations will form and march to the Court House to listen to addresses by Capt. W. B. Chapman and W. J. Milliken, Esq.

Select School.

A school will open May 31st, 1887, in the public school building, term of eight weeks. One dollar per four weeks. Pupils of all ages solicited.

NELLIE A. WALLER, Teacher.

"The sweetest thing that ever grew before a human door" was little May, until she took to having headaches—for a time she lost her beauty. But one bright day her Papa bought a bottle of Salvation Oil, and lo! She is as sweet and pretty as ever. (Only twenty-five cents a bottle.)

Smethport Tannery Question.

In order to make room for all the tanneries that will build in Smethport this season, I will sell watches, clocks and jewelry at your own prices, and silverware thrown in as *chromos*. Spring cycle just received. The finest assortment of jewelry in Northern Pennsylvania. Two hundred watches to select from. One hundred clock, $1.00 to $40.00. Also bicycles, tricycles, baby carriages, &c., &c. Call and see us.

M. L. ARMSTRONG.

ITEMS FROM KANE.

Robbin Ryan is at home from school on a visit.

Mrs. Long, of Chicago, is visiting her sister Mrs. T. H. Ryan.

John T. Griffith lost a valuable horse on Monday by internal bleeding.

Mrs. Jennie Griffith has returned from Bellfast, N. Y., where she has been staying for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell, of Warren, are visiting Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. E. H. Long, on Greeves street.

The lumber mill of J. T. & W. Griffith at Griffith's Switch, will be started up this week with a full compliment of hands.

Miss Florence Hodges who has taught in our primary department, will open a select school this morning to continue for two months.

Rev. Geo. Barnes, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, was called away to Baltimore by the very serious illness of his brother.

Messrs. Weston and Preston of this place start this week for an extended trip through the west in which business and pleasure will be combined.

Miss Irene Davis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kemp to Philadelphia where she expects to make a short visit before she goes to school at Millersburg.

The people show by their actions that they needed only to be told where the old walks were to be placed, for now they are being built very rapidly.

C. A. Kemp has given up possession of the Thompson House and with his wife has gone to Philadelphia for a visit before he takes up his business in the "Belmont" at Ebensburg, Cambria Co.

Prof. Pierce is to start a class in vocal music this week in the Methodist church. The Prof. comes well recommended and we hope to see the people of the town avail themselves of this opportunity.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school gave an entertainment in the Opera House on Saturday evening which was well attended and the audience was well repaid for their time and money as the children acquitted themselves with great credit. Any one who doubts the fact that we have good looking girls in this place should have seen the tableau, "The Three Graces." It was enough to convince the most skeptical.

Kane, May 3.

ELDRED ITEMS.

E. O. Merriman had occasion to visit Bradford last week.

Hayes Heath visited his son Claud, in Emporium, last week.

T. J. George spent Saturday last with friends in Duke Centre.

A. Lemar is engaged moving his house onto a lot adjoining his brother's.

S. Brown has been confined to the house two weeks with lung trouble.

Mrs. W. B. Archibald and Mrs. W. A. Young were visiting in Bolivar last week.

There was a full attendance of school directors from Eldred at the convention Tuesday.

C. A. Larrabee, of Port Allegany, honored our borough with a visit one day last week.

Ben Loop, formerly proprietor of the Commercial Hotel in Eldred, now keeping hotel in Mansfield, is in town this week.

F. C. Pierce, of Smethport, came down to Eldred Wednesday on his bicycle. The doctor is getting to be an expert on the wheel.

S. G. S. Bowley, the aged father of our postmaster, is on his yearly visit among his children. Mr. Bowley is 80 years old and is one of the oldest Masons in the country, having connected himself with the Masonic order in the year 1820.

Leo Miller, the well known labor orator, delivered one of his interesting speeches at the Opera House Saturday evening, under the auspices of the K. of L. Assembly. On Sunday evening Mr. Miller gave an able address on temperance. In his remarks the speaker strongly advocated the right of women to vote. He deprecated the third party prohibition movement, and claimed that we must build up public sentiment to the proper pitch then the rest would be easily accomplished.

Eldred, May 2.

G.

NORWICH NOTES.

Preparations are being made here for the observance of Decoration Day.

The E. A. U. is to have a "calico hop" in Bartlett's hall on Wednesday evening next.

Mrs. C. C. Gallup returned home last Saturday from a visit to her parents at Port Allegany.

C. M. Colegrove, of Smethport, was up in Norwich last week surveying timber land for N. W. Heinemann.

J. C. Denison has moved his family into N. C. Gallup's old house and engaged to work for him through the season.

W. A. Hulett, of Colegrove, spent Sunday and Monday of this week visiting relatives in Duke Centre and Indian Creek.

Rev. C. H. Mitchelmore and wife, of Smethport, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Colegrove and some of the people at Norwich on Monday last.

The school directors of this township attended the meeting in Smethport, yesterday, for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent.

Emmet Lord, of Sterling Run, was a guest at the Hamlin Hotel the forepart of the week. His business seemed to be looking for a bark job, a good many of which are now being let by the lumber men here.

William Dickinson, of Norwich, has been at Colegrove a good deal of late on business connected with his agency for the Butterfield tract of land, the heavy timber of which is beginning to be in great demand.

The great event of the season is the marriage of C. A. Anderson to Miss Anna Bayer. The newly married pair, who, upon their arrival here, were greeted with a musical performance on tinware, are at present boarding at the house of A. W. Colegrove but will soon commence housekeeping in the rooms over the store.

B. W. H.

Norwich, May 3.

THE farmers, in their swamps, we're sure,
Could find the roots and plant that cure:
If by their knowledge they only knew
For just the disease each one grew.
Take courage now and "Swamp-Root" try—
(For kidney, liver and bladder complaints),
As on this remedy you can rely.

The Effects of Mental Exhaustion.

Many diseases, especially those of the nervous system, are the products of daily renewed mental exhaustion. Business avocations often involve an amount of mental wear and tear very prejudicial to physical health, and the professions, if arduously pursued, are no less destructive to brain and nerve tissue. It is one of the most important attributes of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, that it compensates for his undue loss of tissue, and that it imparts new energy to the brain and nerves. The rapidity with which it renews weakened mental energy and physical vitality is remarkable, and shows that its invigorating properties are of the highest order. Besides increasing vital stamina, and counteracting the effects of mental exhaustion, this potential medicine cures and prevents fever and ague, rheumatism, chronic dyspepsia and constipation, kidney uterine weakness and other complaints. Physicians also commend it as a medical stimulant and remedy.

Store to Rent.

The store room and cellar now occupied by Taylor & Parker, in the borough of Smethport, is for rent; or the whole building will be sold. Inquire or address, C. M. Smith, Smethport, Pa., or Paul Wendel, Olean, N. Y.

A Stand-Made Single Harness for $3
And up, at Gleason & Lemmler's. Call early and secure a bargain.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Come and See Us!

"Hungry and ragged though you be," we will feed you and clothe you so good that your own mother wont know you.

New Dress Goods, White Goods, Laces, Hosiery, Gloves of every description; Lisle Silk, Undressed Kid,—elegant shades—Silk Umbrellas, Crinkled Seersuckers, too sweet for anything, French Ginghams, Swiss & Hamburg Embroideries, why the whole MINER would not hold half what we want to tell you about the New Goods. Shoes—well I should say so. Just come and see the Children's High Top Shoes—you cannot resist them; so cheap too. Another invoice of the $3.50 Ladies' hand turned French Kids just received, A to E widths. The ladies all say that $5.00 could not buy them elsewhere.

Groceries of every description from a clay pipe to ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

If you want a large or small bill of goods come to us and get our prices. We can save you 25 per cent. Come and prove it.

Thornton & Chester's celebrated flour a specialty.

Goods delivered free. Orders by mail or 'phone promptly attended to.

Bring us your produce.

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EAST SMETHPORT, PA.

May 4, '87—yl.

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License Applications.

PETITIONS and applications for licenses for hotels, eating houses, wholesale and retail liquor dealers, with or without other goods, and bottlers, at the May Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for McKean county, Pa., on Monday, May 23d, 1887, at Smethport, boro.]

HOTEL LICENSES.

Mount Alton.

Thomas Lynch, Alton House, corner of Front and West streets.

C. A. Blanchfield, Butts House, Lafayette twp.

John Carey, Brooklyn House, Main street.

Bradford City—1st Ward.

P. Mulqueen, United States Hotel, corner Barber and Mechanic streets.

John Burke, Wawanda House, No. 140 North Mechanic street.

Patrick Bateman, Palace Hotel, No. 122 Main street.

M. R. Pierce, St. James Hotel, at head of Main street, on Mechanic street.

J. W. Mahaix, Exchange Hotel, No. 36 Main street.

A. L. Wyman, Oil City House, No. 100 and 102 Main street.

Walter Anderson and F. P. Holley, Riddell House, Main street, corner of Davis street.

P. C. Hurley, Bay State Hotel, No. 72 Main street.

John Duffey, Dubois House, No. 17, Davis st.

A. M. Meek, Pierce House, No. 107 and 109 Main street.

M. H. Fitzgibbon, Palace Hotel, No. 42 Main street.

W. T. McCarthy, Bradford House, No. 97 Main street.

T. F. Connelly, North Mechanic street.

J. P. Campbell, City Hotel, No. 74 Main street.

James Dromgool, Revere House, No. 48 Main street.

W. McCleery, Commercial Hotel, No. 8 Chambers street.

E. G. Sutherland, Black Bear Hotel, No. 8 and 10 Pine street.

Louis Mark, Union Hotel, No. 120, 122 and 124 Main street.

J. H. Douglass and M. Engan, Anglum House, No. 50 Main street.

N. Bolton, Reese House, No. 32 Main street.

James Sheehan, Sheehan House, No. 99 Mechanic street.

D. S. Dawkins, Opera Hotel, No. 10 Chambers street.

George R. Griffin, The Arlington, No. 51 Main street.

W. C. McBride, Option House, No. 29 Main st.

J. Dancy, Congress House, No. 5 Congress st.

J. B. Burt, Henderson House, corner Corydon and Webster streets.

L. Andrews, Hotel Brunswick, No. 29 Main street.

P. McNamara, Corry House, No. 10 Webster street.

Bradford City—2d Ward.

Joseph Baeher, Petrolia House, No. 48 Webster street.

Bradford City—3d Ward.

F. Friedman, Aiken House, No. 110 Washington street.

James Horrigan, Habernigg House, No. 112 Washington street.

J. F. Abbott, Bennett Brook House, corner Mechanic and Washington streets.

Bradford Township.

J. A. Theetge, Custer City Hotel, corner Bradford and Warren streets, Custer City.

John McCann, Crocker House.

Clermont.

J. H. Desmond, Clermont House, Sergeant township.

Ceres.

J. H. Coon, Grand Central, Ceres township.

F. A. Chapman, Oswayo House, Ceres township.

Duke Centre Borough.

J. V. Brown, Duke House, Main street.

Patrick Norton, Erie House, Main street.

W. A. McDonald, McDonald House, Main st.

Eldred Borough.

B. W. Rice, St. Elmo House, Main street.

Eldred Township.

E. V. Chadwick, Hotel Chadwick, Larrabee.

Foster Township.

Charles Webb, at Rixana Junction.

George Dana, Stanford House, Gilbs ore.

J. E. Goodenough, Saeger House, corner Main street and Smethport road, Rew.

D. L. Ross, Ross House, Main street, Derrick City.

James I. McCrea, Derrick City House, Main street, Derrick City.

S. Knight, Sawyer House, south side Bradford and Smethport road, Sawyer City.

Hamlin Township.

W. W. Brewer, Brewer House, Mt. Jewett.

Kendall Borough.

W. W. Penhollow, Fuller House, corner Main and Railroad streets.

Jonas Arsley, American House, corner Main and Limestone streets.

A. J. Martin, Andrews House, Main street.

S. D. Worden, Railroad House, No. 68 east side Railroad street.

Keating Township.

J. M. Irvine, Bingham House, Railroad st., Alton.

M. Houghton, Brunswick House, Coleville.

J. H. Sowers, Exchange Hotel, East Smethport.

Kane Borough.

John Fleming, Fleming Hotel, west side Fraley street.

H. E. Looker, Bucktail Hotel, Fraley street.

Rick Donavan, Hotel LaMont, south end Fraley street.

H. H. Corson, Kane House, west side Fraley street.

H. O. Blymiller, St. Elmo, east side Fraley st.

George Griffiths, Centennial Hotel, east side Fraley street.

West Kane.

S. J. Barlow, Thompson House, Centre street.

Lafayette Township.

Herman C. Wixcom, Lafayette Hotel, Lafayette Corners.

E. Groat, Big Shanty.

Otto Township.

A. G. Phillips, Orborne House, Summit City.

J. W. Craker, Manston House, Summit City.

Frank Dang, Dana House, Rixford.

C. A. Mather, Nash House, Rixford.

Port Allegany Borough.

Stephen C. Sartwell, Sartwell House, south side Mill street.

Mathias Snyder, Scott House, east side Main street.

Mrs. S. A. Palmer, Port Allegany House, at the four corners.

Smethport Borough.

Frank N. Taylor, Grand Central, Main street.

H. R. Vincent, Chautauqua House, north side Main street.

D. F. Wright, Wright House, corner Main and Mechanic streets.

S. L. Bergstresser, Bergstresser House, west side Franklin street.

A. H. Peirce, Peirce House, south side Water street.

EATING HOUSE LICENSES.

Bradford City—1st Ward.

Meer Rothstein, No. 7 Main street.

Henry C. Draper, No. 101 Main street.

Fred Heckel, No. 16 Chambers street.

Thomas McDonald, No. 70 Main street.

Duke Centre Borough.

William H. Downing, Empire House.

Eldred Borough.

C. M. Coleman, on Railroad street.

Clinton Holcomb, on Railroad street.

Eldred Township.

Ransom Larrabee, at Lafrabee.

Kendall Borough.

E. F. Converse, No. 4 Main street.

John M. Phillips, Terrapin Restaurant, No. 3 Main street.

Fred O'Brock, No. 26, Main street.

Keating township.

William Irons, Ormsby Junction.

Otto Township.

John Wass, Rixford.

Turtle Point.

J. W. Driscoll, Driscoll House, Annin twp.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LICENSES, WITH OR WITHOUT OTHER GOODS.

Bradford City—1st Ward.

A. M. Mayer and M. Boiland, Main street.

Isaac Kahn, No. 23 Main street.

N. K. Collins, No. 58 Main street.

Henry Perlouski, Bradford Liquor Store, No 84 Main street.

Bradford City—3d Ward.

P. Fragner, No. 70 Mechanic street.

Eldred Borough.

John Shea, Main street.

Kane Borough.

C. V. Gillis, Fraley street.

S. E. Elman, Fraley street.

Smethport Borough.

W. T. Caller, Main street.

LICENSES TO BOTTLE AND VEND MALT AND BREWED LIQUORS.

Bradford City—2d Ward.

John Burke, No. 58 Webster street.

Bradford City—3d

FOR THE BLOOD

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Dr. W. H. Groves, of Sharon, Miss., says: "I recommend Brown's Iron Bitters as a valuable blood enricher. I have used it in my family for all diseases requiring a tonic, and it has given entire satisfaction."

Geo. H. Ide, Reynolds, Ind., says: "I have prescribed Brown's Iron Bitters in cases of lower prostrated from blood disease, when all other remedies had failed, and it has proved thoroughly satisfactory."

Mrs. Wm. Bowles, Sherrill, Ala., says: "I have taken Brown's Iron Bitters, and find it to be a great blood purifier. I cheerfully recommend it to all suffering from impure blood."

Mrs. W. W. Spencer, Lake Village, Ark., says: "I have been troubled with dyspepsia, and have been using Brown's Iron Bitters, which has relieved me to a great degree. I cheerfully recommend it to all troubled with dyspepsia."

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